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Dear Interested Party:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Park Service has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for proposed additions to an existing freestall (loafing) dairy barn and other resource enhancements at the Kehoe Ranch in Point Reyes National Seashore. The purpose and need for the project is to reduce the risk of water quality impacts to Kehoe Creek, and to house cows to avoid degradation of year-round pasture. The Kehoe Ranch is located in the northern district of the Seashore.

The Environmental Assessment is available on-line from the Seashore's website at <a href="http://www.nps.gov/pore">http://www.nps.gov/pore</a> "Management Documents." If you wish to obtain a CD or hardcopy version of the document, please contact Ann Nelson at (415) 464-5120 or <a href="mailto:ann.nelson@nps.gov">ann.nelson@nps.gov</a> and a copy will be mailed to you.

Persons who wish to submit written comments on the draft Environmental Assessment are encouraged to do so. Written comments may be mailed to Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore, Point Reyes, CA 94956 or emailed to <a href="mailto:ann\_nelson@nps.gov">ann\_nelson@nps.gov</a>. All comments must be postmarked or transmitted no later than **June 30, 2004.** 

COMMENTS: If individuals submitting comments request that their name and/or address be withheld from public disclosure, it will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Such requests must be stated prominently in the beginning of the comments. There also may be circumstances wherein the Park Service will withhold a respondent's identity as allowable by law. As always, the National Park Service will make available to public inspection all submissions from organizations or businesses and from persons identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses; and, anonymous comments may not be considered.

The comments and feedback received by the National Park Service from the public will assist us in refining the proposal and ensuring that public concerns and issues are included in the final Environmental Assessment.

Thank you for your participation in conservation planning and environmental impact analysis.

Sincerely,

Don L. Neubacher Superintendent